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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lewis A. Haws et al. : Group Art Unit: 3721

Serial No.: 10/645,091 : Examiner: Sipos, J.

Filed: August 21, 2003

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING
ZIPPER REGISTRATION IN PACKAGING
EQUIPMENT

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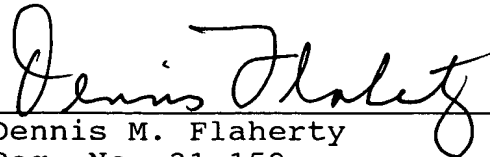
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 20, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner has required restriction to one of three inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner has distinguished the following inventions: claims 1-16 (Group I) drawn to a method of making packages; claims 17-35 and 39 (Group II) drawn to a thermoforming packaging apparatus; and claims 36-38 (Group III) drawn to a packaging apparatus with zippers and sliders.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-16 of Group I.

Respectfully submitted,



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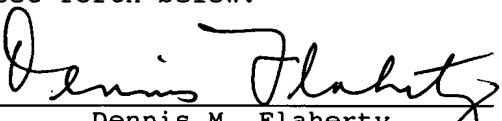


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